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Title: **PHOTOMASK DESIGNING METHOD, PATTERN PREDICTING
METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 52 pages, including 5 independent claim and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 23 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-287363, filed on September 30, 2002.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$ \$750.00
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Total Claims	20	-	20	0	x \$18	\$
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-287363, filed September 30, 2002.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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